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## REMARKS

### 1. Claim amendments:

- 5 The claims are amended to place the application is condition for allowance.

Claim 1 is amended to include all limitations of the would be allowable claim 2. Claim 2 is accordingly cancelled. Claim 3 is amended for proper dependency. No new matter is entered.

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Claim 13 is amended to include all limitations of allowed but objected to claim 15 and intervening claim 14. Claims 14 and 15 are accordingly cancelled. Claim 16 is amended for proper dependency. No new matter is entered.

- 15 **2. Objection to the specification:**

In paragraph [0023], "refer" has been revised to "refer to."

Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

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### 3. Objection to the drawings:

A proposed correction to Fig.2 marked "Replacement Sheet" is attached showing the lead line for numeral 25 as an arrow-headed line with proper direction.

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Acceptance of the proposed correction to Fig.2 is respectfully requested.

### 4. Rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph:

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In the corresponding text of amended claim 1 (formerly in claim 2) the second instance of "studded bushing" has been revised to "threaded bushing." The applicant asserts that this overcomes the issue of indefiniteness.

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Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

**5. Rejection of claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mallenius (US 6,407,713):**

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Claims 1 and 13 have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter. Claim 14 has been cancelled. Claims 4, 7, 8, 10, and 11 are dependent and should be allowed if the amended claim 1 is found allowable.

15 Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

**6. Rejection of claims 5, 6, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mallenius in view of Crean (US 4,628,323):**

20 Claims 5, 6, and 12 are dependent and should be allowed if the amended claim 1 is found allowable.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

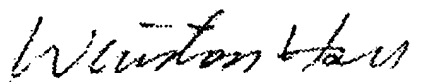
**25 7. Rejection of claims 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mallenius in view of Chou (US 6,762,731):**

Claim 9 is dependent and should be allowed if the amended claim 1 is found allowable.

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Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

5 Sincerely yours,



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Attachment(s): Fig.2 Replacement Sheet (1 page)